

C4 release spring 70 pivots the latch member 42 from the locked position to the open position. As shown in FIGS. 10 and 11, the locking member 24 may then be rotated by the knob 26 toward the open position. Alternatively, the microprocessor could direct power to the coil 50 immediately in response to receiving an authorized key code from the key detector 90 instead of waiting for a signal from the switch 86.--

[In the claims:

Please cancel claim 3, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 10 and 17 as follows:

C5 ~~--10~~⁸(amended). The electronic access control device of claim 1, further comprising a key management system wherein a first key detected by said key detector becomes a master key.

C6 ~~--17~~¹⁵(amended). The electronic access control device of claim ~~12~~¹¹, further comprising a key management system wherein a first key detected by said key detector becomes a master key.--

[Please add a new claim 35 as follows:

C7 ~~--35~~³⁰(new). The electronic access control device of claim 1 wherein said electrical unit is an electric motor.--